

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2887 - HB 3531

March 6, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the statutorily mandated annual salary adjustment for a judge, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-23-103, who is convicted, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony in any state or federal court arising out of the judge's employment of official capacity constituting malfeasance in office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The provisions of the legislation only apply to judges who take office on or after the effective date of the bill. There will be future cost avoidance realized for any judge who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense because he or she will not receive an annual salary adjustment. The extent of any such future cost avoidance cannot be quantified.

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there are currently no judges in office who have been convicted of a felony.
- The provisions of the bill will only apply to the salary of a judge who enters office on and after the effective date of the legislation.
- If, in future years a judge is convicted or pleads guilty to a felony, his or her salary would be subject to the prohibition of an annual salary adjustment. The prohibition would result in a decrease in expenditures. The exact amount of decrease will be dependent on the consumer price index percentage during that year and cannot be quantified.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

/kml

SB 2887 - HB 3531